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Dear NHSC Friends:

We would like you to be aware of the Bureau of Primary Health Care's (BPHC) new broadcast electronic mail system that will be implemented on or about May 1, 2001. This new electronic system is intended to improve communications with BPHC-supported programs. We encourage you to take advantage of this new service. Please read the following article for more information.

Your questions and feedback are important to us. Please e-mail us at sitelink@matthewsgroup.com.

Electronic Distribution of Bureau of Primary Health Care Programs

The Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) will begin using a broadcast electronic mail system to distribute Policy Information Notices (PINs), Program Assistance Letters (PALs), and other selected correspondence to all supported programs, National Health Service Corps (NHSC) sites, and Federally Qualified Health Centers Look-Alikes.

To ensure that you receive these e-mails, all addressees must submit a preferred PIN and PAL e-mail address to the BPHC. This new process being implemented will enable you to receive the important information included in PINs and PALs in a more timely manner. The BPHC's goal is to develop an accurate and complete database of e-mail addresses to be used in its communications with you. **You must complete the online process for submitting this information by March 30, 2001.**

To submit your preferred e-mail address, visit the BPHC Web site at <http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov/pinpalemail>. You can find more information on the BPHC Policy Information Notice 2001-09 by accessing <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/pinspals/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Griffin by telephone at (301) 594-4163 or by e-mail at lgriffin@hrsa.gov. You can also call Bayard Catron at (301) 594-5009 or contact him by e-mail at bcatron@hrsa.gov.

Broadening the Scope of NHSC Conferences: New Series of Activities and Products Set to Begin in October 2001

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) conferences are being re-engineered to serve Scholars, clinicians, and community sites better. We are envisioning a variety of ways to offer orientation to NHSC and access to cutting-edge information and resources for our members. Under study are new workshops, job fairs, continuing education, seminars, satellite broadcasts, CD ROMs, tele- and videoconferencing, and Web casts that can be tailored to the needs of the members. This new series of activities and products will begin to be rolled out in October 2001. Watch for details in a forthcoming mailing and on the NHSC Web site by April 2001.

Available Online—Report on the State of Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

The Office of Organization and Financing, Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), has released a new SAMHSA publication funded by CMHS and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. The report, "Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Under the State Children's Health Insurance Program: Designing Benefits and Estimating Costs," describes how the program can be used to cover mental health and substance abuse treatment services. The analysis shows that a broad range of mental health and substance abuse services can be supported under SCHIP with a relatively small increase in expenditures per month. You can find this report on the SAMHSA Web site at <http://www.mentalhealth.org/cmhs/ManagedCare/index.htm>.

Did You Know?

- *The Foundation Center* is an organization-based Web site serving the needs of grantseekers, grantmakers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public for information on U.S. philanthropy. It includes a directory of funders, research on trends, and education and training on the grant-seeking process. For more information, visit its Web site at <http://www.fdncenter.org/>.
- *Center for Studying Health System Change* is a nonpartisan policy research organization that provides analyses about the effects of health system change for policymakers in government and industry. For more information, visit its Web site at <http://www.hschange.com>, or call (202) 484-5261 (voice) or e-mail at hscinfo@hschange.org.
- *CDC Spanish-Language Web site* of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now offers substantially expanded health information resources. This site is not a translation of the English-language Web site but, rather, is tailored to meet the informational needs of Hispanic populations. Visit the site at <http://www.cdc.gov>.

In Search of Best Practice Strategies for Eliminating Racial and Health Disparities—A Call for Papers

Health Promotion Practice, an official journal of the Society for Public Health Education, announces a call for original manuscripts for a theme issue on "Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities." The goal of the theme issue is to uncover social, cultural, and environmental factors beyond the biomedical model and address a broad range of issues. Important themes include breaking the cycle of poverty, increasing access to quality health care, eliminating environmental hazards in homes and neighborhoods, and implementing effective prevention programs tailored to specific community needs. Manuscripts that describe and analyze strategies for eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities in the United States are invited.

Authors should follow the instructions to authors found in issues of *Health Promotion Practice* or on the Web at <http://www.sophe.org>. Manuscript submission deadline is May 1, 2001.

You can contact theme issue editors Stephen B. Thomas, Ph.D., at (412) 648-9043 or Kathleen Roe, Dr.P.H., M.P.H., at (925) 944-0570.